



## **Welcome to the Leap N Learn Program!**

This packet serves to answer any questions you may have about our program, as well as give you a timeline for the necessary steps throughout the semester. Please do not hesitate to direct any questions to:

**Cassie Wilson, Education Programs Manager**

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### **Quick Facts:**

- **Leap N Learn** is a 10 - 12 week after school dance program where classes focus on creative movement and ballet. The students study a variety of dance concepts while working on spatial awareness, problem solving, and strengthening the body and brain. The program culminates with an "informance" for the parents, school, and community. Colorado Ballet provides students with dance wear and the opportunity to attend a Colorado Ballet performance at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. All Leap N Learn students are invited to participate in a Summer Dance Camp at Colorado Ballet Studios, and select students are chosen annually for a full-year scholarship to Colorado Ballet Academy.
- **Colorado Ballet** provides an instructor, music, dancewear, and enrichment activities such as reduced price ticket vouchers to a Colorado Ballet production depending on availability. The program culminates with an "informance" for the parents, school, and community, showcasing the technique and concepts learned over the semester.
- **2018 - 2019** marks the nineteenth year of this program! It has grown significantly – In the 2017-2018 school year our afterschool enrichment program served 31 sites with 38 sessions that reached 530 students!

### **Thank you for being a part of this program's growth!**

- **In the 2017-2018 school year**, approximately 530 students completed the program. From those 530 Leap N Learn students, all were invited to participate in a Summer Dance Camp at Colorado Ballet studios, and one student was chosen for a full-year scholarship to Colorado Ballet Academy.

## Policies

- Colorado Ballet's Education department has an active DPS Partnership Agreement. We are involved in CPS and our staff have all been cleared appropriately through DPS.
- Colorado Ballet's staff members are not DPS staff therefore **we cannot hold responsibility for students** who are not picked up at the end of class. We **require a site staff member** to be present at the end of class to stay with any students.
- Our curriculum is designed to be 10 - 12 weeks. If you are running on trimesters or semesters, we encourage a term-long program. If your enrichment sessions tend to run shorter than 10 weeks, please consider combining two to make for a longer session.
- Due to high demand of the program, we have enacted a 10 student minimum. Leap N Learn classes cap at a 22 student maximum. If your enrollment reaches higher than 22 students, please contact us to discuss options.
- A **roster with required CPS student information** (student name as registered with DPS, birth date, and student ID #) will be requested a week prior to start date.
- Students will be given Leap N Learn permission slips that are required for program participation. We rely on the site contact to increase our return rate on these as they see students more often.
- A confirmation of program details will be sent to the site contact prior to the start date.
- If a substitute teacher is required for any program dates, the site contact will be notified before the start of class.
- The Education Programs Manager and/or Education Department Manager may observe classes at any time during the run of the program.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the Education Programs Manager

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## Timeline for Fall 2018

- August 2018 – September 2018 → Leap N Learn Registration
  - Send a roster to Cassie at least week prior to your start date (specific dates vary per site).
- October 1st 2017 → Deadline
  - Permission Slips must be submitted to Cassie for all participants.
- November 2018 – December 2018 → Leap N Learn Classes End
  - Informances (specific dates vary per site).
- January 1st 2019 → Deadline
  - Payment must be submitted to Cassie - you will receive an invoice prior to deadline. Early payments are always welcome, feel free to request an invoice if you would like to pay earlier.